To the Town Clerk and Council,

I Shelly Hobson, vote “No” to the Bylaw 2010-68.

This committee wants Landowners to apply for a permit to cut down a tree on their own property. .5 Ha or more in area.

I just found out about this By-law November 21st. Why?

There was no informed meeting?

This is an infringement on our private landowner rights and privileges.

We comply with the Management Forestry program and have been Stewards for many years. We preserve and protect the land.

As landowners, we are allowed to make hiking trails, cut down deadfall, diseased and hazardous Trees.

Council threatens to charge individuals $2,500./tree or $20,000. Which ever greater. Seems like a Monetary grab.

People have the knowledge and the tools to protect the land. There is information online for Biological information for species at risk and resources for habitat life. We are aware of the Endangered species such as the butternut trees. As a Landowner we want to protect our Eco system and care about for the wildlife.

Many landowners do not want to Clearcut their trees.

If a Logging company comes in to thin out a forest and cuts trees this creates productivity and a Healthy wood lot. This stimulates tree growth and improve the quality of woodland without damaging the canopy for future generations.

Is that the landowners responsibility to get a permit and pay for the permit?

I’m not sure if this by-law is written correctly?

This seems to be a Shotgun effect, council is going after all persons, rather than those individuals who clear cut the trees such as developers. You may want a separate by-law for agricultural landowners. The by-law states at the bottom of page 1 to the top of page 2. Overview that there was a meeting May 6th 2019. Was there a notification of public awareness?
Landowners cut and remove; diseased, severely damaged, hazardous and insect infested trees to prevent injury, damaged and infestation to other trees and cut trees that don’t contribute to the woodlands values and health.

Can u commit to all landowners that you will listen to all comments and inform the public the decision?

In this by-law, A person is able to cut 4 trees simultaneously. I don’t know if a person could cut 4 trees simultaneously?

If I sell my Christmas trees to friends and family do need a permit?

This is Agricultural land.

What if a Landowner would like to get their Land Surveyed?

Does that person need a permit?

What if I have to cut a tree if it is diseased in the path of my making my Maple Syrup? Or it interferes with the growth habitat or my Sap lines?

This is my Agricultural Forest Management Land.

What if a landowner wants to sever a lot from their land?

Do they need a permit and what is the time frame and cost?

What about my trees hit from Nature, disease, bug infestation and Dutch Elm disease?

In the Overview “timeline” 3.1(0) if the trees can be removed daily/Weekly/ or Monthly basis.

This By-law will De-value our property.

Thank you for listening.